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**SKILLS PAGE**

**5.7 Unnecessary Comma**

MY SENTENCE: The difference between a girl and a doll is not just the physical characteristics, but also the mechanics of everything a human being embodies: a heart, a brain, emotions such as love or hate, tendons, and the choice to make decisions for themselves.

EXPLANATION: Only use a comma when a rule requires one or when the meaning of the sentence would be unclear without one. I got my information from *Holt Handbook* on page 348.

REVISED EXAMPLE: The difference between a girl and a doll is not just the physical characteristics but also the mechanics of everything a human being embodies: a heart, a brain, emotions such as love or hate, tendons, and the choice to make decisions for themselves.

ORIGINAL EXAMPLE: The iron must not touch the art without cooling down first, but you can always touch the metal to the edges.